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Applicants:

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For

: GRAFT FIXATION DEVICE AND METHOD

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 30, 2004 for three (3) month(s) from October 30, 2004 to January 30, 2004. A Request for Continued Examination responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 10-0750/MIT244/ERS in the name of Johnson & Johnson for the cost of filing this Petition. Three copies of this Petition are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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